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Grand Teton National Park News Release

Moose-Wilson Road Closes to Through Traffic for Month of October

Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott reminds area residents and visitors that the Moose-Wilson road within Grand Teton National Park will be closed to through traffic beginning Friday, October 1, at 6:00 a.m. This closure is necessary to allow for replacement of the Lake Creek bridge, which lies two and one half miles north of Granite Canyon Entrance Station. Bridge replacement work will be underway through November 30. Annually, a portion of the Moose-Wilson Road closes for the winter season on November 1, and through travel is no longer possible until May 1 when the road reopens for the summer season. This year, motorists need to plan accordingly for an earlier closure in the month of October.

During this road closure, visitors wishing to access the Death Canyon trailhead can travel south along the Moose-Wilson Road from the intersection opposite the Moose Visitor Center. Those visitors who wish to reach the Granite Canyon trailhead may travel north from Teton Village on Highway 390 and pass through the Granite Canyon Entrance Station. Orange construction signs will alert motorists to road closure ahead, and barricades will be placed at both the Death Canyon road intersection and the Granite Canyon parking area. Absolutely **no through traffic** will be possible during the road closure. Visitors to this area of the park should also be alert for heavy construction vehicles that may be traveling the Moose-Wilson road in either direction.

Replacement work will also begin on Monday, October 4, at the Lupine Meadows bridge, which provides access to the Lupine Meadows trailhead south of Jenny Lake. Additionally, the bridge near the Highlands housing area, with access to the Climber's Ranch, is scheduled to close for replacement work on Monday, September 20. Vehicle access ends to both the Lupine Meadows and Climber's Ranch areas with the annual seasonal closure of the Teton Park Road at Taggart Lake parking area on November 1. These two bridges will remain closed until April 30, 2005.

For further information about these and other road construction projects going on in the park, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/grte or call the recorded message line at 307-739-3614.

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